

REMARKS

Claims 35-47 are pending. The Office Action rejects Claims 35-41, 43, and 44-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0010698 to Shin et al. ("Shin") in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0082910 (incorrectly identified as 2002/0092910 in the Office Action) to Kontogouris ("Kontogouris"). Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin and Kontogouris in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2005/0123135 to Goddard ("Goddard"). Claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin and Kontogouris in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2006/0183097 to Ishii ("Ishii").

Applicants appreciate the Examiner granting the telephonic interview of November 23, 2009, during which the differences between the cited references and embodiments of the claimed invention as well as proposed claim amendments were discussed. In this response, Applicants have amended independent Claims 35, 36, 39, 42, 43 to include features admitted by the Examiner during the telephonic interview to patentably distinguish the independent claims from the cited references, taken alone or in combination. These added features that are not taught or suggested by the cited references, taken alone or in combination, include, for example, the device identifier and transmission/receipt thereof as recited by amended independent Claims 35, 36, 39, 42, and 43. In this regard, none of the cited references, taken alone or in combination, teach each of the features recited by amended independent Claims 35, 36, 39, 42, and 43. Support for the claim amendments may be found at least in FIGs. 4a-4c of the application. Since, as the Examiner admitted during the telephonic interview, none of the cited references, taken alone or in combination teach each of the features added to amended independent Claims 35, 36, 39, 42, and 43, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 35, 36, 39, 42, and 43 are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, such that the rejections are overcome.

Because each of the dependent claims includes each of the recitations of a respective independent base claim, Applicants further submit that the dependent claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, for at least those reasons discussed above.

Accordingly, all of the pending claims, as amended, are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, such that all standing claim rejections have been overcome. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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